

## 4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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### "EYES" KEEP VC OFF GUARD

The 4-3 has an extra pair of "eyes" that keep watch over "Charlie" - no matter how dark the night might be. These extra "eyes" belong to the radar unit operated by members of Echo Company's Ground Surveillance Section.

Six men rotate shifts to man the intricate electrical controls necessary in running the radar unit. Two men work on a shift at a time. The six men, all members of Echo Company are: Staff Sergeant Frank Travis (Louisville, Ky.), Sergeant McDonald (Lauderdale, Fla.), Sergeant Robert Steron (Appleton, Wis.), Specialist Four Peter Degraaf (Provo, Utah), Private First Class Alton Hevard, and Private First Class Jake Laws (Wapato, Wash.).

Specialist Four Peter Degraaf described the function of the radar unit as three separate roles: 1) Maintaining the security of the firebase by detecting enemy personnel attempting to probe the perimeter. 2) Monitoring enemy movement near friendly positions. 3) Reconning the entire area within the range of the radar set to determine direction and size of any enemy movement in the area.

The radar unit is remarkably accurate in pinpointing enemy movement. A trained operator can determine if the enemy is walking or riding in a vehicle. Furthermore, a good operator can tell the number of people in a group up to eight persons if they are spaced far enough apart. However, it can be hard to detect separate movements in enemy ranks because of the close, closed formations in which the enemy moves.

When the men of Echo Company's Ground Surveillance Section detect (Cont. on pg. 3, col. 1)

### REUNION ON SAN JUAN

Sergeant Jeff Chartier (Iron Mountain, Mich.), squad leader for the first squad of the 4-2 mortar platoon recently had a Navy man visit him on San Juan Hill. The Navy man was Seaman Fred Zweifel a hometown friend of some thirteen years.

Seaman Zweifel's visit was in response to an invitation from Sgt. Chartier that was prompted by them having missed a rare opportunity to visit in Hawaii. Unbeknown to either Sgt. Chartier or Seaman Zweifel both were in Hawaii at the same time, Sgt. Chartier on

R&R and Seaman Zweifel on shore leave from the USS Coral Sea. It was only upon returning to San Juan that Sgt. Chartier found a letter awaiting him. The letter from Seaman Zweifel spelled out the date he had shore leave in Hawaii and it was then that Sgt. Chartier realized that both had been in Hawaii at the same time. Taking pen in hand, Sgt. Chartier wrote to his friend on the USS Coral Sea informing him that they had both been in Hawaii at the same time and inviting him to San Juan Hill. So, at his first opportunity Seaman Zweifel caught a mailship to Danang and from there caught the necessary transportation to San Juan Hill.

Seaman Zweifel received a royal welcome from Lieutenant Colonel Stanley V. Wielga, the Battalion Commander, and Major William McGeo. Seaman Zweifel spent four pleasant days visiting and was given a tour of San Juan Hill, Bato and the field by LTC Wielga. Seaman Zweifel capped off his visit with a short timer's ride in a Warlord.

Seaman Zweifel also spent a few hours in the field with the men of Delta Company and remarked that, "Everyone went out of his way to make me feel well- (Cont. on bottom of page 3, column 2.)

## R&R: SYDNEY

Sydney is, perhaps, the most sought after city for R&R. The city is distinctively European and Western in flavor, in sharp contrast to the many Oriental R&R sites. With two and one half million people, it is the largest city in Australia. It is a city where every phase of its culture is beautifully exhibited. The Australians warmly welcome all Americans and have established the Australian-American Association for the purpose of making R&R as enjoyable as possible for the American soldier.

When you arrive in Sydney, you are provided with an R&R accommodations booklet which lists those hotels in the city and near the beaches, that are recommended by the Australian Accomodations Council and the United States R&R Office.

If one desires personal contact with an Australian family, arrangements can be made through the Australian-American Association for you to spend a few days in a private home. By doing this, one is afforded the opportunity of experiencing what typical Sydney home life is like.

Another service of the Association is a sponsored mixer every Tuesday and Friday nights at the Chevron Hotel. The mixer lasts two hours and depending upon the individuals involved, it can be the beginning of a long friendship, or one that will last at least seven days. If you arrive on a day between mixers, the Association will also arrange a date for you. This too is done at the Chevron Hotel.

Sydney has a wide variety of nightlife, including nightclubs, theater restaurants, bistros, and cabarets. Some private clubs will admit R&R personnel if you have your military identification. Interesting places for dancing and entertainment are Caesar's Place, the Cheetah Room, Martinez Place where each table has a telephone for calling someone at another table, Chequers Nightclub, The Pink Pussycat, Texas Tavern, and the Tahitian Room, downstairs from the Whiskey Au Go-Go. The Summit is a rotating restaurant 600 feet up on Australian Square Tower. Most of the dinners at the clubs mentioned are reasonably priced. Drinks seldom cost more than 50¢. Tipping of 10 to 15 per cent is expected for food and wine waiters.

Although dress during the daytime is casual, at night Sydney becomes formal. The better places require a tie and jacket, which can be rented at the R&R Center.

One of the better sightseeing attractions is the harbor. There are many boat tours available including a ferry boat which travels to Manly on the North Shore. If you are adventurous, you can take an invigorating ride on a hydrofoil.

Car renting in Sydney while on R&R is not permitted, however, if you desire to leave the city, you can take a tour to the Hawkesbury River 30 miles north of Sydney, where you will see many early colonial towns and large citrus orchards. Nearby are the rugged Blue Mountains which have some beautiful waterfalls running down their sides. The Jenolan Caves are reminiscent of Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. At Hunter River Valley is the Australian wine center and here you may sample the local product. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

## AWARDS

Below is a list of awards which have been approved during the month of February. (V-valor; A-achievement; S-service).

### COMPANY AWARDS

### ALPHA

SGT Leonard Bowser	PH
SP4 Bruce Chester	PH
SP4 Danny Kavano	SM

### BRAVO

CPT Rodney Kirk	PH
2LT John Gaines	PH
2LT William Gaudet	PH
SSG John Cornell	BS"V"
SSG Richard Lebeck	"
SGT David Emery	"
SGT Kenneth Wilson	"
SGT Bobby Yates	"
SP4 Misael Alvarado	"
SP4 Andrew Anderson	PH
SP4 Mark Bender	BS"V"
SP4 Robert Dancel	"
SP4 Terry Delio	"
SP4 Larry Drake	"
SP4 George Douglas	"
SP4 Milton Febles	PH
SP4 John Fields	BS"V"
SP4 Danny Flannery	"
SP4 Kenneth Kanyah	PH
SP4 Frank Panico	BS"V"
SP4 Michael Prussman	PH
SP4 Gerald Staats	PH
SP4 Joseph Tilch	PH
SP4 Apolonio Uresti	BS"V"
SP4 Herbert Williams	"
PFC George Bandli	PH
PFC Steven Busby	PH
PFC Gary David	PH

### CHARLIE

CPT William Mynatt BS"V"

### DELTA

SP4 John Dick PH

### BITS OF WISDOM

There is no better test for a man's ultimate integrity than his behavior when he is wrong.

## R&R: CONT.

Shopping also has great variety. For clothing, the stores have both conservative and the latest mod styles. Men's clothing stores at the Chevron R&R Center are recommended because of reduced prices. Roselands in Punchbowl is a large and reputable department store.

The fine beaches of Bondi, Coogee, and Manly are relatively close to downtown Sydney and the major hotels. Cabanas for changing cloths can be rented. Besides beaches, the Royal Botanical Gardens and Hyde Park are two very beautiful parks in Sydney where you can just relax. At Centennial Park, just east of the city in Randwick, one can rent horses and use the park's riding paths.

If your R&R does take you to Sydney, be sure to take sufficient money. Expenses aren't out of the ordinary, however, the conversion rate for one U.S. dollar is approximately 88¢ in Australian money.

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enemy movement they record the azimuth and range to the target and immediately contact Battalion Tactical Operations Center (TOC). TOC personnel determine if the movement is friendly or not. If the movement is not friendly, artillery is quickly brought in on the enemy position.

Generally the six radar operators from Echo Company are quite good at determining what the object is that is picked up on the radar beam. However occasionally a radar (Cont. pg. 6, col. 2)

## WHAT IS A SOLDIER?

After the security of childhood and before the insecurity of second childhood we find a soldier. Soldiers are found everywhere, in trouble, on leave, in love and in debt. Soldiers come in assorted sizes, weights, states of sobriety, misery, and confusion. Girls love them, mothers tolerate them, the U.S. supports them and somehow they manage to get along with each other.

A soldier is laziness with a deck of cards, a millionaire without a cent, brave with a grin, and the protector of America with a copy of Playboy in his possession. A soldier is sly as a fox, has the energy of a turtle, the brains of an idiot, the appetite of an elephant, and the aspirations of a Casanova.

He likes girls, women, females, and members of the opposite sex. He dislikes answering letters, wearing his uniform, his superior officers, and getting up at reveille, not to mention the Army chow, Army regulations, and the week after payday.

No one can write so seldom yet think of you so often. No one else can get so much fun from your letters, civilian clothes, and a sex magazine. Nobody else can cram into a small pocket a little black book, a pair of dice or a deck of cards, and the remains of last week's pay.

A soldier is a magical creature; you can take him for what he is, you can take him off your mailing list and lock him out of your house, but you can't take him off your mind.

You might as well give in, he's your long-distance lover, your bright-eyed good-for-nothing bundle of worry. Even so, all your shattered dreams seem insignificant when he comes home to you and greets you with those innocently spoken words:

### "HI HOMEY"

Though the author is unknown these thoughts are passed on to You...from the Chu Lai Red Cross Girls.

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come. I really enjoyed my visit and found that the American soldier in Vietnam is doing a great job under rather depressing conditions, but those boys really have the spirit."

To top off his visit, on Monday, February 23, Seaman Zweifel became an honorary member of the Old Guard when LTC Wielga presented him with the Old Guard Crest.

Seaman Zweifel said his good-byes and remarked, "It has really been something I will never forget." He now returns to duty and Sergeant Chartier counts his final 28 days until ETS.

Sergeant Chartier plans to visit Seaman Zweifel's parents when he returns home and they both plan to meet again when Seaman Zweifel returns home on leave. Whenever their next meeting occurs it is certain that they will have many memories to recall of this visit to San Juan and of their time in Vietnam.

# WELCOME TO 4-3

## ONE

1SG Arthur Akridge - Salina, Kansas  
PFC James Washington - Bryan, Texas  
PFC Steven Wlaschin - Stillwater, Minn.

## ALPHA

SGT Keith Scott - Normal, Ill.  
SP4 Grady Owens - Downey, Calif.  
SP4 Scotte Thompson - Rice Lake, Wis.  
PFC Robert Porter - Moore, Okla.  
Pvt. 2 George Campbell - Houma, La.  
Pvt. 2 Juan Gonzales - Torrance, Calif.  
Pvt. 2 Terrence Kozmierczak - Buffalo, N.Y.  
Pvt. 2 Paul Lorinser - N. St. Paul, Minn.

## BRAVO

SGT Douglas Colegrove - Fonda, Mich.  
SGT Terry Graham - Oliverhurst, Calif.  
SGT Timothy Nichols - Sims, N.C.  
SGT William Redmond - Arlington, N.C.  
PFC James Anbrowiak - New Berlin, Wis.  
PFC Michael Freude - Halldale, Ark.  
PFC Johnson West - Pine Bluff, Ark.  
Pvt. 2 Danny Canada - Yuba City, Calif.  
Pvt. 2 Larry Faught - North Lake, Calif.  
Pvt. 2 Willie Lowe - Cairo, Ill.  
Pvt. 2 Michael Mace - Long Beach, Calif.  
Pvt. 2 Wayne McCready - Fenton, Mich.  
Pvt. 2 David Stevens - Topeka, Kansas  
Pvt. 2 Shelby Yarbrough - Covington, Kan.

## CHARLIE

SGT John Isler - Wyoming, Mich.  
SGT George Pedersen - New York, N.Y.  
PFC Robert McKay - Pittsburgh, Pa.

## DELTA

SSG Edward Quirk - Cazenovia, N.Y.  
SGT James Doak - Harristown, N.J.  
PFC Joseph De Agüero - Chimayo, N.M.  
PFC Melvin Dowles - Saint Louis, Mo.  
PFC Edward Wunderlich - Nokomis, Ill.  
PFC Melvin Wykoff - Berryville, Va.  
Pvt. 2 Andy Brown - Larkslane, Ky.  
Pvt. 2 Steven Ellwood - LaGrange, Ill.  
Pvt. 2 John Ives - Tucson, Arizona  
Pvt. 2 Roderick Kell - Lewiston, Maine

## BRAIN TEASER

A farmer died and left to his sons all his cattle. The will specified that the eldest son was to receive half the herd. His second son was bequeathed one-third of the herd, but his youngest son was to have only one-ninth of the herd.

When the herd was counted, there were 17 cows. How did the boys divide the 17 cows under terms of the will?  
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

MAN'S QUEST  
BY CHAPLAIN (CPT) JOHN E. WATKINS

The weather has changed. The moonsoon is slackening. The wind shifts. The rain gets less and less. The clouds are slowly being eaten away by the sun. The warm air is coming back. In fact it is almost hot in the sun.

When the sun burns bright and hot these days, you can hear the people say-if only the rain were still here; if only the clouds were here to act as an umbrella. To an observer it would seem that he wanted the rain and the cold back. Actually its just a way of saying we're never satisfied.

Not to be content with the present is a characteristic of the religious man. Not to be content to let things be, to have a restless heart, to be straining ahead is part of our quest for perfection. God has called us not to preserve and worship what we have. He doesn't ask that we keep everything intact. God demands that we become perfect as He is.

He wants us to be restless. Never content with the present; always looking, always comparing, always improving. Man's quest is a search for something that needs no change. Man quests after God.

## DON'T LET THE MALARIA BUG CATCH YOU UNPREPARED

A man stricken with malaria is a casualty just as much as a man wounded by the enemy. Be prepared, follow these rules:

1. Keep those sleeves rolled down after dark.
2. Use insect repellent.
3. Use mosquito netting.
4. Use insecticide.
5. Take the PILL.

Remember...Malaria weakens the heart and therefore shortens your life. Don't let the malaria bug catch you unprepared. Malaria is number TEN.

## OLD GUARD

LTC Stanley V. Wielga  
1LT. David J. Sheehan  
SP4 Robert Daniels

CO  
S1  
REPORTER

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## CASH BONUS FOR VIETNAM VETERANS

Residents of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, are eligible for a tax-exempt state cash bonus for wartime service in Vietnam. Eligibility for a bonus depends on bona fide residence within the state. Temporary absence outside the state for health reasons, while attending school, or while engaged in an occupation does not bar an otherwise eligible person. Temporary residence in the state for such reasons, however, does not establish true residency.

When an entitled person does not or cannot himself collect the bonus, the bonus to which he was entitled or a larger sum, can be paid after his death to an eligible survivor.

For those states that do not offer a cash bonus for period of armed conflict, may offer other benefits, such as property tax advantages, special farm or home loans, and job preferences. If you are interested in these type of state bonuses, write to the veterans affairs office at your state capital.

The states that pay Vietnam bonuses are listed below with the amount of bonus and where to write for additional information on or application for the bonus.

Connecticut - Ten dollars for each month of active service up to a maximum of \$300.

Office of Treasurer, Vietnam Bonus Division  
15 Lewis Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Delaware - For each month of countable domestic service or major fraction thereof, \$15. up to a maximum of \$300. No more than \$300. for combined foreign and domestic service.

Veterans Military Pay Commission, 1224 King Street  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Illinois - \$100

Illinois Veterans Commission,  
221 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Ill. 62704

Louisiana - \$250

Louisiana Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Vietnam Bonus Division, Fourth Floor,  
Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La. 70801

Massachusetts - For active service outside the Vietnam area, \$200. For active service in the Vietnam area, \$300.

Pennsylvania - \$25. for every month of qualifying service, up to an amount not to exceed \$750.

Department of Military Affairs,  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 415,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 16108

### ANSWER: TO TEASER

They borrowed a cow from a neighbor, making a herd of 18 cows. The eldest son took his half, or nine cows. The second boy received his third, the six cows; and the youngest took his ninth, which amounted to two cows. This made a total of 17 cows; so they returned the one they had borrowed. The stipulation of the will was satisfied.

### NEWS BRIEFS

Astronaut Frank Borman, 41, who was commander of the Apollo 8 mission---first manned flight to orbit the moon---is leaving the space program in Houston to join an enterprise headed by H. Ross Perot, of Dallas, Wealthy Industrialist.

An attempt by Representative Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) to recover the \$55,000 in congressional pay he lost when he was excluded from the 90th congress has been rejected by the supreme court in Washington.

Billie Sol Estes, 45, has lost his bid for freedom from Sandstone Federal Prison in Minnesota, where he has served 5 years of a 15-year term for fraudulent credit dealings in building a West Texas financial empire. The U.S. Parole Board in Washington rejected his request for a parole.

Without giving the United States a chance to reply to a protest note from Moscow, the Soviet Union began a new airlift of arms to Egypt to help counter Israeli raids around Cairo and elsewhere in the country, according to East European diplomatic sources.

A nationwide campaign to return voluntary prayer to the public schools of America is in the offing as a living memorial to the late Senator Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.).

### NOTICE

As of March 1, 1970, all R&R flights to Bangkok were resumed. Personnel who are in receipt of space required R&R orders to Bangkok during the month of March, 1970 will proceed on R&R as scheduled.

## BATTALION WRAP-UP

Action for the 4-3 got off to a start when Charlie Company sighted ten NVA while on operations four miles northwest of San Juan Hill. Artillery was called in from San Juan but the results of the barrage are unknown.

The same day, February 17, Charlie Company's first and second platoons found two huts 6' x 4', two old huts 6' x 8' and one bunker. A search of the area turned up eight 60mm mortar rounds.

At 1:55 p.m., February 18, Bravo Company's third platoon spotted and engaged two VC/NVA while on search and ambush operations four and one-half miles northwest of San Juan Hill. The Viet Cong were last seen headed toward the now abandoned forward fire support base, LZ Jeff.

Earlier the same day, a CIDG platoon, OPCON to Charlie Company, engaged two VC/NVA while on patrol. The enemy was last seen evading East.

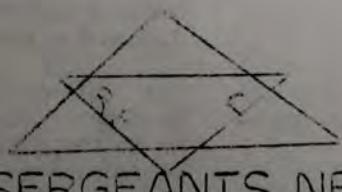
On February 20, Charlie Company was patrolling four and one-half miles northwest of San Juan Hill when it observed five NVA to its front. The company immediately engaged the NVA/VC with 81mm mortar.

Later the same day, Alpha Company's third platoon, operating in an area six and one-half miles northwest of San Juan, found what appeared to be a training area. The training site consisted of eight small huts and one barracks which would accommodate 20-30 personnel.

On February 22, Bravo Company was operating one and one-half miles South of LZ Jeff when it engaged one NVA/VC. Later the same day, the company was following a blood trail when it detained a young Vietnamese boy who had a gunshot wound in the leg. A dust-off was called in to evacuate the youth.

Charlie Company engaged an unknown number of NVA on the morning of February 23. The company was patrolling four and one-half miles northwest of San Juan Hill at the time of the engagement. One NVA was killed in the fray.

No significant events were reported on the 24, 25, or 26th of February.



## DRILL SERGEANTS NEEDED

The Army is short over 2,000 Drill Sergeants. Being a Drill Sergeant you get an extra \$30, a month plus 18 months stabilized tour in the U.S. This option is open to EM's from E-4 to E-7 with the opportunity of advancing one grade after completion of school. So, if you think you can take it and want to wear the famous Yogi Bear Hat, see your Career Counselor today at S-1.

## NEW ADJUTANT

The Old Guard extends its appreciation to Captain Felix J. Ciarlo for his contributions to the Battalion. We wish him every success in his new assignment as Echo Company Commander. Captain Ciarlo was the Battalion Adjutant from December 1969, until Feb. 25, 1970, when he assumed command of Echo Company.

Lieutenant Sheehan entered the Army in June, 1967, and after graduation from OCS was promoted to Second Lieutenant. His first assignment after graduation was as Platoon Leader with the 4th Battalion, 54th Mechanized Brigade at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. In August 1969, Lt. Sheehan attended a two week course at the Jungle Training Center in Panama.

That same month, Lt. Sheehan arrived in Vietnam and was assigned to Delta Company as a Platoon Leader. Four months latter he became the Executive Officer for Delta Company and remained in that capacity until February 25.

Lieutenant Sheehan's wife now resides in East Bridgewater, Mass.

## RADAR

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signal is misread.

However, thanks to Ground Surveillance, "Charlie" is greatly handicapped when he is up against the 4/3 for he is robbed of his most valuable weapon---the cover of darkness.

TAKE PILL  
YOUR  
MALADY  
PILL  
PILL